

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please make the following changes at the indicated locations in the specification:

Page 1, line 1, please delete “DESCRIPTION”, I.E. the entire line.

Page 1, line 4 (between title and first paragraph), please insert the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE

This is the US National Stage of PCT/EP 2004/011853, which was filed on October 20, 2004 in Europe, which, in turn, is based on DE 10 2004 006143.2, which was filed on February 7, 2004, in Germany. The aforesaid German Patent Application provides the basis for a claim of priority of invention for the invention described and claimed herein below in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 119 (a) – (d).

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, between the third and the fourth paragraph, please insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION